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SUBJECT: DAILY MEDIA REACTION REPORT -- PART TWO

1. DEATH OF ARGENTINE PRESIDENT PERON: RECEIVES HEAVY,
PROMINENT MEDIA PLAY. SAMPLE COMMENTARIES:

(A) CONSERVATIVE DIARIO DE SAO PAULO FRONT-PAGE EDITORIAL
SAYS: "... PERON IS DEAD. ARGENTINA HAS TO MAKE AN OPTION:
TO DIE NOW WITH HIM OR TO POSTPONE THE DEATH A LITTLE MORE
WITH ISABELITA, OR ENGAGE ITSELF IN SOLVINNG ITS REAL PROBLEMS.
THIS WAY ARGENTINA CAN EVEN REVIVE AND AGAIN BECOME ONE OF
THE GREAT LATAM POWERS." (JULY 2).

(B) INDEPENDENT JORNAL DO BRASIL (RIO) EDITORIAL HEADLINED
"PERON'S LEGACY" SAYS: "AFTER AN ACTIVE AND STRONGLY
CONTROVERSIAL PUBLIC LIFE, WHAT WILL BE LEFT FROM JUAN DOMINGO
PERON IS HIS IDENTIFICATION WITH AN EFFORT FOR NATIONAL
CONCILIATION AND HEMISPERIC UNDERSTANDING..... PERON DISAPPEARS
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WHEN HE WAS ENGAGED IN BUILDING A NEW IMAGE OVER THAT OF HIS

POLITICAL PAST, WHICH DIVIDED ARGENTINA DURING THE DECADE OF HIS GOVERNMENT AND THE EIGHTEEN YEARS OF HIS EXILE. THE PERON OF THE NEW PHASE PROCLAIMED THAT IN POLITICS IT IS NOT ENOUGH TO COMMAND, THAT IT IS NECESSARY TO PERSUADE. HE TRIED TO PRACTICE WHAT HE SAID, MAKING OF POLITICS AN EXERCISE OF TRANSIGENCY. ... (JULY 2).

(C) INFLUENTIAL O ESTADO DE SAO PAULO EDITORIAL ENTITLED "ARGENTINA WITHOUT PERON" SAYS: "... NOW HE HAS DISAPPEARED. HIS MEMORY WILL NOT BE CAPABLE OF DOING WHAT EXCEEDED THE LIMITS OF HIS PRESENCE. THE MYTH OF PERON ONCE AGAIN WILL BE RAISED TO THE TOP. ... A FEELING OF ABANDON WILL SHAKE THE ARGENTINES. BUT MAYBE THE FEAR FOR WHAT FUTURE MAY BRING CAN CONTRIBUTE TO SUBDUE THE ARDOR OF POLITICAL FIGHTS. THE ARGENTINE SOCIETY SHOULD FIND THE VIM OF RECOVERY AND MAGNITUDE WHICH CORRESPONDS TO ITS SUMMONS IN THE ROOTS OF ITS OWN NATIONALITY. THE HOUR OF THE TRUTH HAS ARRIVED FOR THE ARGENTINE." (JULY 2).

2. CARACAS LOS CONFERENCE: MODERATE PRESS PLAY CONTINUES. SAMPLE COVERAGE.

(A) CONSERVATIVE O GLOBO (RIO) CARRIES INSIDE REPORT SAYING THAT "A RADIO PROGRAM BROADCAST BY THE CIVIL HOUSEHOLD OF THE GOB PRESIDENCY, "THE VOICE OF BRAZIL", YESTERDAY CARRIED AN EDITORIAL REAFFIRMING THAT BRAZIL'S POSITION AT THE CARACAS LOS CONFERENCE IS THAT OF INEXORABLY MAINTAINING ITS SOVEREIGNITY OVER 200-MILE, ALTHOUGH ACCEPTING TO NEGOTIATE NAVIGATION AND FLYING OVER THIS LIMIT. ..." (JULY 2).

(B) O GLOBO UNSIGNED COLUMN SAYS: "... AFTER THE SPACE AGE IT SEEMS THAT THE SEA AGE IS BEGINNING, WITH THE ONLY DIFFERENCE THAT THE LATTER WILL BE MORE ABUNDANT, MORE STRIKING. THE ABUNDANCE WILL BE REPRESENTED BY THE 'MINERAL NODULES' OF THE SEA FLOOR, MOST OF THEM BEYOND THE 200-MILE LIMIT. ... TO WHOM DOES THIS RICHNESS BELONG? THE CARACAS CONFERENCE MUST DECIDE IF IT IS COMMON PROPERTY OR BELONGS ONLY TO SOME PRIVILEGED ONES. AS ALL THE OTHERS, THIS DIVISION WILL NOT BE EASY. ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL DIVERGENCIES ALREADY HAVE APPEARED DURING THE FIRST WEEK OF DEBATES: DEVELOPED NATIONS UNCLASSIFIED

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DO NOT WANT RESTRICTIONS; NON-DEVELOPED NATIONS DO NOT WANT TO BE PRECLUDED FROM TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE PHANTASTIC BOOM. THE U.N. DECIDED FOUR YEARS AGO THAT 'THE SEA FLOOR AND ITS RESOURCES, BEYOND NATIONAL JURISDICTIONS, ARE MAKIND'S COMMON ASSETS.' WILL THE LOS CONFERENCE KNOW HOW TO ACT ACCORDINGLY?" (JULY 2).

(C) WEEKLY NEWS MAGAZINE VEJA OF JULY 3 CARRIES ONE-COLUMN

ARTICLE COMMENTING ON SPEECH DELIVERED BY THE HEAD OF THE
GOB DELEGATION: "... AFTER DISCUSSING 'FUNDAMENTAL MATTERS'
(ON GOB POSITION RE 200-MILE JURISDICTION,) AMBASSADOR
GUERREIRO'S SPEECH ALSO PAID DIPLOMATIC DEBTS TO BOLIVIA
AND PARAGUAY, ... OFFERING BRAZIL'S SUPPORT TO THEIR CLAIMS
FOR A WAY TO THE SEA. HOWEVER, A PRACTICE ADOPTED BY
THE LOS CONFERENCE -- DETERMINING THAT TOPICS DISCUSSED AT
PLENARY SESSIONS BE APPROVED BY A TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY --
REDUCES THE CONSEQUENCES OF SUCH A SUPPORT TO LITTLE MORE THAN
A GESTURE OF INTERNATIONAL COURTESY."
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